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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING WITH THE CHINESE
AMBASSADOR

1. SECRET - ENTER TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: SECRETARY MATS MET THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR
TO OUTLINE THE AGENDA FOR HIS VISIT TO BEIJING. HE
STRESSED THE NEED FOR CLOSE CONSULTATIONS, BASED ON
CONVERGING STRATEGIC VIEWS, BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA. HE
INDICATED HIS READINESS TO DISCUSS THE SENSITIVE ISSUE OF
TAYAN AND TO ADDRESS OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES WITH A VIEW
TO STRENGTHENING COOPERATION AND POLICY COORDINATION
BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA. END SUMMARY.

3. THE SECRETARY MET BRIEFLY WITH CHINESE AMBASSADOR
CHAI ZHENH EARLY WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, IN RESPONSE
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TO THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR A SOCIAL OR FORMAL GET-
TOGETHER BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE, AMBASSADOR CHAI'S
SCHEDULE HAS HIM OUT OF WASHINGTON UNTIL HE LEAVES FOR
CHINA ON JUNE 11.

4. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS
VISIT TO CHINA, HIS FIRST IN TEN YEARS. AMBASSADOR CHAI
SAID THAT CHINA'S LEADERS HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, THEIR FIRST HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGE
WITH THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION. THERE WERE MANY MATTERS
TO DISCUSS: STRATEGIC AND BILATERAL.

5. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT
THE US AND CHINA HAVE A FULL AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF
STRATEGIC ISSUES. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSION OF
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE "POLAR BEAR" AND US AND CHINESE
ACTIONS TO COUNTER SUCH ACTIVITIES GLOBALLY. HE WOULD
DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHWEST ASIA, ESPECIALLY
THE NEW US RELATIONSHIP WITH PAKISTAN. HE WOULD OUTLINE
OUR INITIATIVES TOWARD THE ASIAN WORLD, AFRICA AND LATIN
AMERICA. HE MENTIONED PARTICULARLY TO REVIEW THE SOUTHEAST
ASIAN SITUATION, ESPECIALLY THE KAMPUCHEAN ISSUE.

6. THE SECRETARY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF "CROSS-
FERTILIZATION" OF THE CONCEPTUAL BASES FOR OUR
POLICIES. HE NEED TO UNDERSTAND OUR RESPECTIVE PLANS,
AND--WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE, ADVISABLE AND TO OUR MUTUAL
INTEREST--GAIN THE BENEFITS OF IMPROVED POLICY COORDI-
NATION. HE STATED THAT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE US AND
CHINA MUST BE GLOBAL IN ITS PRENTS. SUCH DIALOGUE
COULD REVEAL THE CONVERGENCE OF OUR STRATEGIC
INTERESTS. IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND HELP US
TO LAY THE BASIS FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND

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STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONS ON THE BILATERAL LEVEL. THERE WERE SEVERAL ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AND URGENT REGIONAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO BOTH THE US AND CHINA. AMONG THESE WERE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS WITH RESPECT TO CAMBODIA AND AFGHANISTAN, AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE LATTER TO OUR PLANS TO ASSIST PAKISTAN.

7. IN THE AREA OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE SECRETARY SAID, HE HOPED TO ARRIVE IN BEIJING WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS TO LONGSTANDING POLICIES. HE LOOKED FORWARD IN THIS CONNECTION TO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF SPECIFIC ISSUES SUCH AS ARMAMENTS, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND A NUMBER OF OTHER AREAS IN WHICH THE CHINESE HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN THE PAST.

8. THE SECRETARY NOTED HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN CHINA'S ECONOMY, PLANNING SYSTEM, TRADE AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID HE HAD JUST MET WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER WHO HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TRI-LATERAL COMMISSION TO BE HELD IN BEIJING. THE SECRETARY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FOLLOW-UP THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT DESIRE TO THE IDEAS ON TECHNICAL ADVICE AND CAPITAL FINANCE THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. A MAIN CONCERN OF HIS VISIT WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE MECHANISMS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AND THEREFORE POLICY COORDINATION, AS THE STRATEGIC SITUATION DEMANDS. HE WOULD BE PREPARED IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID, TO MEET WITH ANYONE AND TO DISCUSS OUR CONVERGING INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS WITH ANYONE THE CHINESE SIDE MIGHT SUGGEST. HE WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES AS WELL AS TO ADJUST HIS SCHEDULE TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDED ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TRADE, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, WITH WHOMSOEVER THE CHINESE SIDE MIGHT SUGGEST.

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9. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED, OF COURSE, TO DISCUSS THE EVER-SENSITIVE QUESTION OF TAIWAN AND HOW THE US WOULD DEAL WITH THIS DELICATE PROBLEM IN FUTURE. HE SAID HE WISHED TO STRESS HIS CONFIDENCE THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS ISUE MUST NOT, IN PPT, BECOME AN INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WAS DEDICATED NOT TO LET THAT OCCUR.

SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD PRESENT A CONSISTENT, BUT MORE SPECIFIC ITEM TO THE CHINESE DURING HIS VISIT, WHICH WOULD AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION.

10. AMBASSADOR CHAI RESPONDED THAT THE SECRETARY, AS AN OLD AND RESPECTED FRIEND, WOULD BE WARMLY RECEIVED IN CHINA. HIS FRANK STATEMENT OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. HE STATED, THE AMBASSADOR SAID, THAT OUR RELATIONS WILL PROGRESS ON THE PRESENT BASIS. ALL OF THE STRATEGIC AND BILATERAL ISSUES MENTIONED BY THE SECRETARY WERE VERY IMPORTANT, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF TAIWAN. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE FIND WAYS TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO TRADE AND DEEPEN OUR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE WISHED AGAIN TO ASSURE THE SECRETARY THAT HE WOULD BE WARMLY RECEIVED, WOULD BE KEPT VERY BUSY, AND WOULD FIND HIS TALKS VERY

FRUITFUL. BASED ON WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD OUTLINED, THE TRIP COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE A SUCCESS.

11. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT REMEDIES OF ANY PROBLEMS EITHER OF US MAY HAVE AT HOME, OUR RELATIONS MOVE FORWARD. THE DANGERS POSED BY POLAND AND AFGHANISTAN TO OUR COMMON INTERESTS

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ILLUSTRATED THIS AND MADE HIS VISIT TO BEIJING
ESPECIALLY URGENT AND TIMELY, HE ADDED.

AMBASSADOR CHAI SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE
SECRETARY'S REMARKS AND HIS SUGGESTED AGENDA TO BEIJING
AT ONCE. HE HOPED THE TALKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A
SATISFACTORY MANNER. THE SECRETARY REINFORCED HIS
WILLINGNESS TO ADJUST HIS SCHEDULE AND AREA OF ANY WAY
THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO HIS HOSTS.

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